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#### SEND BOYS TO FARMS, KEELER

State School Superintendent Says Boys Must Replace Men to Raise Food Needed By Nation.

(From the address of Mr. Fred L. Keeler, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered at the State Conference of the United States Boys' Working Reserve in the Senate Chamber, Lansing, on March 7, 1918.)

dent of Public Instruction, that we endorse the United States Boys' Working Reserve. I know that you The boy who serves faithfully will re all believe we are right up against ceive the bronze medal of the Reserve. the real thing and that one of the ential things is food. It is some job to replace the men who are across the water and are in the different contonments in this country and we have no source to draw from except boys-and women; and my position as superintendent of Public Instruction is to take the boys from the schools when they are needed. I also think that credit should be given these boys, the same kind of credit, the same amount of credit, that would have been given them had they remained in school

partment of Public Instruction is at your service for anything it can do to aid this work."

Enlistment into the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve is a voluntary, patri- ing. Economics students will have an otic service, and not at all compulsory understanding which they could get as to when and how the boy who en in no other way of America's fundalists shall abandon the service, subject mental industry—terms in their school always to his parents' consent that books which heretofore have been he shall abandon it. The Oath of Ser merely words to them will have a defivice is a moral obligation, that it has nite meaning, as, for instance, producto do with the particular tasks that the tion, marketing, speculation, supply boy elects to undertake; and that, and demand, wages, prices, by-product, without the consent of his parents, no etc. force of Government will be employed, or, under the terms of agreement can be employed, to compel him to keep to hitch up a team, to plow straight, to his Oath or to punish him for its vio- run a mowing machine, and to see and

For purposes of enrollment the physical examination of candidates for membership can be satisfactorily con- finest playground in the world will be ducted by enrolling officers. Only when all about you. Swimming in creek or there arises a case, and it will but oc- lake, ketchin' suckers, snaring gophcasionally arise, where the boy, from his appearance and from his answers to questions, reveals some physical shoes with the neighbors or at other the examination of a trained physi-

An Enrollment Button showing the Great Seal of the United States with back! the word "RECRUIT" displayed upon it. This button is to be given to the boys at the time of their enrollment into the Reserve.

A preacher who was in the habit of taking his wife with him on his preaching appointment, said on arrival at the chapel in a country town:
"My dear, you go in there; you will be all right. I must go round to the vestry." In the vestibule the wife was met by a kind-hearted steward, who conducted her to a seat. At the close of the service the same kind-hearted steward gave her a hearty shake of the hand, adding how pleased he would be to see her at the service each Sunday. Then, whispering, he said: "But, let me tell you, we don't get a duffer like this in the pulpit every Sunday."

is no one more foolishly con-han the business man who is not necessary to adver-

# **BOYS NEEDED TO**

THE UNITED STATES BOY'S WORKING RESERVE ORGANIZED TO MEET THIS NEED.

HAS THE PRESIDENTS SUPPORT

Parents Should Encourage Their Boys Between 16 And 21 To Enroll

ITH "OUR BOYS" on the battie front in Europe, trying to keep the millions of highly-trained, heavily-armed, German warriors from breaking through and overrunning the world, it's all right for the boys here at home to yell encouragement: "Stone wall! Stone wall! Stone wall!" But that isn't enough. The thing to do, as you yell, is to help the Sammies hold 'em. How can you do it? The President

and all other American leaders have shown you the way. They agree that you this spring and summer, by raising food so the boys who have tackled that awful job

on the other

side and the

other thousands who are in training on this side, may not go hungry. A fellow with an empty stomach can't be a stone wall against a powerful

This article is to point out some thing of big importance for older boys -those who are sixteen or older. For they can help by taking the places of the hundreds of thousands of men who have left the farms and gone into the Army or into factories that are making war materials.

The Government has provided the means for enlistment of these soldiers of the soil. It is the United States Boys Working Reserve. That organization was formed by the Department of Labor, co-operating with the De partment of Agriculture. It is endorsed by the President and all of his war aides, by the governors of the states by leading educators, by the heads of the great commercial organizations It is directed by responsible men of proved ability in agriculture and in work with boys.

The plan is simple. Boys who are sixteen or over and are physically fit enroll in the Reserve, receive instructions, then commissions, and are placed on farms where they are needed. They will receive wages and be supervised by conscientious men. Al-"I want to say, as your superinten- ready thousands of boys have enrolled in all parts of the country-for this Reserve is open to boys in every state

which will be a badge of honor-a him, in later years, that he was not a slacker in this great war, but did his part as it was outlined by the Presi-

What Would You Get for It? In addition to the great service it will be to the nation in the war, the experience of a city or town boy on a farm will be of value to him in the following ways: It will give him health and strength

and vigor. It will help him in his school work "I want to assure you that the De- The marvelous processes of nature, seen through a season on the farm, will mean more to you than several years of book study of nature books. Physiography will have a new mean-

And then think what it will mean to you just to know how to saddle a horse play a part in that grand drama of the farm-harvesting and threshing. There will be time for sport-and the ers, horseback rides and races, hikes in the woods, evenings pitching horse ficiency should he be subject to games-nights of deep, sound, strengthening sleep, and up in the morning feeling as though you could carry a whole football team on your

It won't be child's play. Your com rade under arms didn't go into the war because it was easy. You wouldn't shame him, by thinking that he did. He went into it because it was the right thing to do. If you go into farm service for your country you should go for the same reason. The patriotic purpose will make rough places smooth. And from it will come that satisfaction which comes from the do-ing of one's duty in a time of national

Get More Information Now. There is a recruiting officer for the serves in virtually every town. Find out who he is. Go to him and get full information. Or write to the State Director of the U. S. Boys Work-ing Reserves, Charles A. Parcells, 922 Vord Bidg.. Defroit.

It is the lazy man who prays for

hings he won't work for.



## YOUR RED CROSS

An Army Without a Gun

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON Of the Vigilantes.

THE Red Cross is the greatest instrument of mercy the world has ever seen. Noble as the service of mercy and helpfulness was in Civil War days, the Red Cross surpasses it immeasurably not only in the range and variety of its effort, but in efficiency and effectiveness.

The Red Cross is, we may say, the arms of the mothers of the world reached out to their sons to bind up their wounds and comfort them. The Red Cross is an army without a gun that wages war only upon suffering and heartache. Where the flag of the stars goes there the banner of the Red Cross must fly beside it. We watch our boys go forth to war with a spirit of hopefulness because we know that this great agency of humanity presses close behind them; that its work is not incidental, but the intelligent directed effort of one of the most marvelous organizations ever contrived by American genius.

We have all contributed to the Red Cross; we shall be called upon again to contribute to its funds,-again and perhaps again. And we will respond again and yet again! For this is a war for the defense of civilization, and we of great, free, splendid, glorious America, have every intention that it shall be fought with the army of the Red Cross solidly supporting our soldiers.

### STRETCHING PARIS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FRANCE

THE RED CROSS HAS HELPED WHERE GOV. ERNMENTS WERE HELPLESS

civil authorities. These homeless, We here at home who associate the stunned people were a new responsi- great Red Cross movement with bandbility to be added to the thousands of ages and white gowned nurses must wounded men that came steadily from lose this old illusion in the light of a the shambles of the west front.

ready to take in its neighbors' chil- first as diplomats convincing the civil tight fit. So it made the best of its to remedy the situation, then as reta. New building construction seem-ed impossible. Men were scarce. The mechanic was either manning the diery and the older man, all the while trenches or fighting the fight in the working under every imaginable hand-

It is wonderful indeed how nobly done, get it done." into the building of homes. Here was French brothers believe in your own a church lot that lay vacant; here an Red Cross just a little more than you unfinished hospital; there a worn out do. But should this be?

avalanche of refugees that building, all of which in a fortnight swept into Paris from the north of were started on their way toward new France had been the despair of the apartments, rooms and sleeping wards.

he shambles of the west front. thousand other works for humanity.

Paris is an old city. It was not In this case we see the Red Cross dren. Its population was already a authorities of Puris as to their ability poor hospitality by offering up its gar- architects remodeling buildings, chang-

war factories. Paris was distracted. | lcap, while Father Time cried, "Get it Paris tried to meet this condition. So ont of the garrets came these de And it is remarkable how Paris met it spairing people to find new hope it with the aid of our own Red Cross. clean homes, to get new cheer out of Unhampered by red tape or precedent, sheer bodily comfort and fresh cour our Red Cross put on overalls and age to again take up the great trust jumper, carried the hod, became archi- that France has kept so well-"to cartect, engineer and contractor and went ry on." It is not strange that out

## THE RED CROSS MAN

By AMELIA JOSEPHINE BURR. Of the Vigilantes.

Broken with pain and weariness And sapped with vile disease, Back to the land of ruined towns, Of murdered men and trees, Through Switzerland from Germany The trains of wreckage ran,—
And on the French frontier they found
A Red Cross Man.

And when to what had once been home Those haggard exiles came, Young wheat was green above the scars Of steel and blood and flame Round new built notific.

The work of life began.

And still they found to welcome them

A Red Cross Man.

There the husband clasped again
The wife he mourned as dead—
The child was on its mother's breast, The old were comforted. What wonder if they hope to find
The Angel of God's Plan
Who meets them at the heavenly gate
A Red Cross Man!

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7:30 p. m. Lecture and demonstra-tion: "Methods Best Suited to Con-serve Sugar, Fats and Wheat Flour in Pastry."

in Pastry."

Saturday, 9:30 a. m. Morning Conference: Discussion conducted by Miss Person, "Problems in War Food Pre-

Afternoon, 1:30 p. m. Lecture and Demonstration: "Methods Useful in Conserving Wheat Products." Evening: Lecture and Demonstra-tion: "Breads Useful in Saving Wheat

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#### **RED CROSS SERMON** AT CONGO. CHURCH

Next Sunday at the Congregational church Rev. J. G. Tate's sermon will be along the lines of the present activity of the Red Cross. The Red Cross drive begins next week and his remarks will be appropriate to that important part of army work.

Mr. Tate has been engaged in speaking on this topic for several months and his message will be of very much interest. Everyone interested in Red Cross work and all persons ought to be at this time, should hear him.

#### **SMYRNA**

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks visited at

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks visited at the home of her brother, Newton Douglas, Saturday.
Dr. A. B. Penton is being operated upon at Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids, this Wednesday. Dr. G. A. Stanton of Belding went to assist. He was accompanied by Mrs. Stanton.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cotter have returned from California and are visiting for a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gould. Mr. Cotter has purchased twenty acres of land of W. F. Bricker.

Bricker.

Mrs. A. L. Barry went to Stanton Friday night to spend a few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sherwood.

Miss Alfreda Wells of Belding was the guest of Miss Gayla Penton Friday night. Saturday Gayla accompanied Miss Wells and parents to Grand Rapids.

Geo. Hoppough accompanied his brothers, Mark of Ionia, Frank and Clark of Orleans, were in Hastings a couple of days last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Northway and Herbert Mehney are in Lowell to attend funeral of the wife of Mr. Hull's

brother.

Mrs. Cynthia Coles of Toledo, Ohio, was the guest a few days last week of her uncle, Albert Northway.

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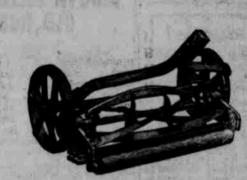
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